# North Shore Church



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# "A Few Thoughts On...."

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#### Sunday Morning

9:00 Worship—Sanctuary/ Facebook 11:00 Worship—Outdoors 11:00 Godly Fun—Outdoors

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Later in this newsletter (page 10), you will find an outline of the nominations for those stepping into leadership positions in the church. With us still somewhat limited in our ability to gather people for a formal annual meeting of the church, opportunities to vote on this slate of nominations will be offered in both digital and written form. More information about the dates and process for this process are included on page 10. For this space, however, I want to put our focus on a note of appreciation for all of those listed on those pages, and some who are not.

Stepping into leadership in the life of a church is always a tremendous gift of faithful service. Many of you know that there is a note on the back of every newsletter, and each week's order of worship, in which we specifically note that our 'ministers' are ALL members of North Shore Congregational Church. This statement is no small thing, and stands at the heart of our Congregational tradition. While I and the rest of the church staff are here to inspire, aid, empower, and sometimes guide the ministries of the church – those ministries belong to our members, and they are led by the diligent and faith-filled work of our officers, boards and committees. A core reality of the Congregational tradition is that we do what we do, and are who we are, because of the names we see on this slate.

In these past 14 months, however, there's been an entirely new dynamic added to the reality. Our current church leaders generally fall into one of two categories. Those continuing and/or completing their terms of service as an officer or a member of a board are doing so after unknowingly being thrust into gauntlet of church leadership in the midst of Covid-19, and have been forced to figure out new ways of pursuing God's ministries in the

#### A Note of Thanks continued...

midst of a pandemic. While Zoom meetings seem nearly second-nature to many of us by now, it was a technology completely unknown to many of our church leaders when the pandemic began. Learning these technologies, figuring out how to do what God was calling them to do in the midst of the pandemic, and remaining true to the work of the Spirit among us in extraordinarily turbulent times, has been the mark of their gift to this church.

At the same, those whose names are presented for new election, have knowingly stepped into that quagmire with the faith that we will find God's ways throughout it all. Fully aware that we barely know what things are going to look like next month — much less 2-3 years from now while they are still serving — these individuals have committed their time and energy to the work of God in and through the ministries of our church, trusting that the Spirit will show us the way.

Stepping into leadership in the life of a church is always a tremendous gift of faithful service. Leading a church in the midst of a pandemic, however, is an entirely different level of commitment. The retiring, ongoing and incoming leaders of our church have given extraordinary heart and faith to that which God is doing among us, and I am tremendously grateful for their service, their leadership, and most of all, their faith that – even in the midst of a pandemic – God can and will do remarkable things through those who follow his ways.

To each of you on this list, and to all those who have been in years past, I offer my thanks. It is by means of your devotion and faith that our church is what is today. And, it is by means of your devotion and faith that our church can become what God is moving it to be tomorrow!

Your Pastor and Friend, *Marty* 

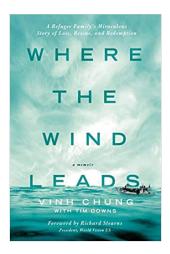
#### ADULT FORMATION

#### **Tuesday Morning Book Group**

Through May we are discussing, "Where the Wind Leads: A Refugee Family's Miraculous Story of Loss, Rescue, and Redemption," by Dr. Vinh Chung.

If a Summer Book Group piques your interest, we will read Barbara Brown Taylor's, "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others." The author explores the ways other people and traditions encounter God, digging in so we can learn more about other traditions as well as find new meaning in our own.

Let Rev. Julie know if you would like a copy of the book ordered for you (\$16.00).



#### **Thursday Bible Study**

This Bible Study meets from 9:30-11am each Thursday. We continue our discussion on Isaiah, and if you are interested in being part of the discussion or have any questions, contact Rev. Julie. You will find the Zoom link in the Monday email to the church, or come "in-person." See the note below about our "hybrid" method.

#### **Sunday Afternoon Bible Study**

On the **first, third, and fifth Sundays, from 3-4:30,** the Sunday Afternoon Bible Study meets in person in Friendship Lounge (masks and spaced apart seating). As we conclude our reading of Genesis we look forward to Exodus! Would you like to join in on the conversation?



Both Tuesday Book Group and Thursday Bible Study meet "hybrid" style, some on Zoom and some in the room (6-person limit for "in-person" please let Rev. Julie know if that is your choice). If you have not yet, but would like to join or "stop in" please do. Zoom link included in Monday email as well as a reminder the morning of.

# **ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

#### Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making

We continue to make bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach shelter from our homes, signing up to make anywhere from 5-20, completing the need for 85 bag lunches.

For those who choose to serve our community this way, find the link in the **Monday email May 31**, choose how many bag lunches you will make, then **deliver to church** (north parking lot door) by noon, **June 6.** We always need someone to sign up to deliver on Monday morning from church to the Repairers of the Breach sight on Vliet street as well.



Lunches usually include a Peanut Butter sandwich, piece of fruit, bottle of water or juice, salty snack, and a sweet treat. Contact us if you need help with the link!

#### Little Library: Books and Faith

We will continue to use our "Under the Portico" space for the Little Library: Books and Faith.

Come, exchange, and enjoy! Books for children and adults available.



# **COVID POLICY UPDATE**

Covid Policy Change - Please note that beginning Sunday, May 2, registration will no longer be required for attending worship. With more and more of our members receiving vaccinations, our seating structure will change so that the opposite ends of every row will be available for seating. This will double our capacity and eliminate the need for pre-registered attendance. We look forward to additional changes in the weeks and months ahead, and appreciate your continued patience and support as we seek to discern the best policies for our church as we make our way out of these pandemic restrictions.



# SEEKING WORSHIP MEDIA TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Are you comfortable with an iPad or tablet? Do you want to be a part of helping those at home engage in our worship life while still being able to enjoy worship with your friends or family sitting in the pews? If so, this opportunity is for you!

As we look ahead to worship life in the coming months and years, we are hoping to expand the pool of individuals operating the camera for the live-stream of our worship each Sunday. A Wi-Fi enabled iPad is used to control the camera through pre-sets, allowing volunteers to sit in the pews with their families as they manage the controls throughout the service. It is our hope to create a sufficient pool that no one is being asked to manage this responsibility more than once a month.

If you would be interested in being a part of this team, or would like more information, please contact Rev. Marty. We hope to have a training session sometime in May, allowing us to begin utilizing team members during our summer services.



# PROPOSED NOMINATION SLATE

With the ongoing limitations we face in holding in-person congregational meetings, our vote on the slate of nominees presented by our Nominating Committee will follow the same pattern as that of our budget vote this past December.

The slate of nominees is included in this newsletter and will be distributed by email on May 17. You may vote on the nominations in one of two ways. First, the ballot below can be completed and mailed to Kerrin White in the office. Alternatively, you will be able to vote digitally through a Doodle poll that will be circulated with the emailed slated on May 17. The votes (whether digital or on paper) will need to be received in the office by Monday, May 24.

If you have questions about this process, please contact the church office or our moderator, Kathy Schill, at 414-758-7496 or <a href="mailto:kschill90@gmail.com">kschill90@gmail.com</a>. We thank you for your continued flexibility as we strive to conduct the business of the church under challenging circumstances.

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		Yes, I approve the proposed Nomination Slate as circulated	
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	Name		

#### North Shore Congregational Church Officer, Board, and Committee Nominations June 01, 2021 – May 31, 2022

Moderator	Susan Wauck
Moderator-Elect	Doug Wermuth
Treasurer	Pam Smith (continuing)
Clerk	Pamela Rasche (continuing)
Auditor	VACANT
Past Moderator	Kathy Schill

#### **Benevolence Board (7 Members; 3-Year Term)**

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Lorna Hilyard	Anne Butt	Karen Schulyer
David Schimpf	Terry Doty-Webb	Midge Croysdale
	Ginny Kannenberg	

## **Board of Christian Enrichment (7 Members; 3-Year Terms)**

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Abby Hodgdon	Kelsey Molinari	Mary Kramer
Sarah Wood	Laura Lennie	Traci Niss
Laura Rohling		

## **Diaconate Board (12 Members; 3-Year Term; Spouses Allowed)**

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Sheri Scharnweber	Jean Lemorande	Marilyn Kebbekus
Becki Schimpf	Sandy Kent	Sarah Krauss
Ann Halstead	Tom Halstead	Tom Smith
Ken Brengel	Chris Lierman	Jane Ford

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## **Stewardship Board (6 Members; 3-Year Terms)**

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Nick Hodgdon	Rick Bauzenberger	Bob Dallman
Mark Plichta *	George Holmes *	Nancy Proctor

# **Board of Trustees (5 Members; 3-Year Term)**

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Bob Erdahl	Cindy Journey	Chuck Petersen
Jon Butt		Mike Slagle
Gwen Benner		

# Nominating Committee (5 Members, including 1 x MaL designated by Council)

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Joe Hilyard	Bruce Loder	Betty Moore
Kurt Dew (MaL)	Norm Christensen	

# Council Members-at-Large (3 Members, 3-Year Term; duties assigned by Council)

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Lisa Wermuth	Kurt Dew	Molly Allen

## **Board of Fund Stewards (5 members, 5-Year Term)**

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Bob	Norm	Rick	Ken Donner	Bob Sproat
Dallman	Christensen	Bauzenberger	(continuing)	(continuing)

# <u>Pastoral Relations Committee (5 members, 3-Year Term, non-Exclusive to Other Boards)</u>

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Ginny Kannenberg	Melissa Block	Tom Chelimsky
Jeannie George	Chuck Petersen	

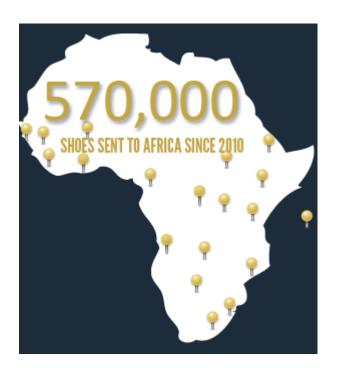
# NACCC Year-Round Delegate (One-Year Term, Renewable; Non-Exclusive to Other Boards)

For 2022	
Lizz Loder	

#### **Notes:**

Names of those assuming a position starting June 1, 2021, are shown in **bold italic**.

<sup>\*</sup> Will serve a <u>partial term</u>; eligible for reelection for a full term (same Board) at expiration of current term.



# **Soles for Jesus**

Service Opportunity Dates:

Saturday, May 29, 9:00-11:00

Saturday, June 12, 9:00-11:00

Saturday, July 10, 9:00-11:00

Please contact David Schimpf at <a href="mailto:dschimpf@wi.rr.com">dschimpf@wi.rr.com</a> if you are interested in organizing and packing shoes to be sent Sub-Sahara Africa.

# CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Our younger families received a packet with weekly items to go along with the "Ings" of faith (God working through us) series following Easter through Sunday, May 23. Throughout this series, on Sunday morning during the 9 am worship service, we will have a children's message that corresponds with the packets.



During the 11 am outdoor worship, Gaia and Haley will be here for "godly fun" activities with children. If weather indicates a move inside, "godly fun" will be held in the large classroom downstairs.

We are zeroing in on a Putt Putt golf gathering with youth in mid-May. Parents, watch for an email and text about a date and time.



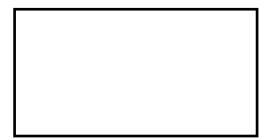
May 29, we have an opportunity to work at the Soles for Jesus warehouse from 9-11. Romans 10:15 says, "And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!""

The Youth Room is almost done! We are looking forward to claiming that space and gathering soon.

Families with children completing grades 5-12- Good News! The Wisconsin Congregational Association week long camp, July 11 -17, is happening! Youth that have experienced this camp often call it "the best week of the year!" Contact Rev. Julie for more information and/or go to <a href="https://www.wiscongregational.net/">https://www.wiscongregational.net/</a> to find information about camp, covid mitigation plans, and what we do, as well as forms and scholarship information.



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Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith, Associate Minister Meike Pampalone, Organist

Mike Fugarino, Custodian

Eric Detienne, Megan Hall, and Becca Hall, Sunday Custodians